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Newtown Heritage Festival

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MAY 22nd –25th, 2008

Newtown



Introducing
The 2008 Newtown Heritage
Festival
Commemorative
"Newton"
The Newtown Bear

Available at the Town Office

The May Town Council Meeting has been rescheduled to
*Wednesday,
May 7, 2008
at 7:30 p.m.*
Because of the elections being held at the Town Office on Tuesday, May 6, 2008

2008 Newtown Heritage Festival

This years Newtown Heritage Festival will be held May 22nd thru May 25th coinciding with Memorial Day Weekend.

Entertainment:

The Sherando High School Band on **Thursday, May 22nd** will perform a concert at the Newtown Commons on Main Street beginning at **7:00pm**. The Sherando Band recently took top Honors in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina at the 2008 Band and Orchestra Competition. The Marching Warriors will also march in the NHF Parade on Saturday, May 24th along with other school organizations.

The entertainment schedule also features George Hamilton IV a renown Grand Old Opry member and often known as the Interna-

tional Ambassador of Country Music. George will perform at the Newtown Commons after the parade on Saturday. George will be stopping by Stephens City after another world wind tour. George Hamilton IV is most widely know for his hit, "Abilene".

Other musical entertainment is scheduled throughout the weekend.

There will also be children's attractions such as moon bounces and miniature ponies.

The Arts:

There will be an Open house and Art Show provided by the Bowman-Shoemaker Companies Inc. at 5341 Main Street. The Art Show will exhibit the talents and skills of Sherando High School students. A raffle will also be held at this location for a Mort

Kuntzler's "Lee's Lieutenants" print. Proceeds will go towards restoration of the Old Stephens City school as a community center.

A weekend long craft show will be held at the Newtown Commons, where this year's historical print by local artist Charles Pitcock will be for sale along with his other works. Antique and food vendors will be setup along Main Street along with various Artisan demonstrations.

There will be several special exhibits on display at the local museums

The Stone House Museum and Newtown History Center at the corner of Main and Fairfax Streets will display early period artifacts related to the first settlement of the **NHF Continued - page 3**

SVCA Annual Auction and Family Fun Day

Join Shenandoah Valley Christian Academy for their Annual Auction and Family Fun Day on Saturday, May 10 at Newtown Commons. The day's schedule begins at 11 am with a silent auction and the live auction with auctioneer Leon Strosnider begins at 1 pm.

Some of the auction items include:

- P. Buckley Moss print
- Soccer ball signed by the entire D.C. United Team
- Hockey Puck signed by Washington Capital Mike Green
- Baseball signed by Washington National Jon Rauch
- \$250 of landscaping by Racey Lawn Service
- \$600 of teeth whitening by Dr. John Neumann
- A Rotisserie with a Butcher Block Stand
- An Elliptical Machine

- Gift Cards from Diamond Auto Spa
- Four Potomac Nationals Tickets
- Richmond Braves Tickets
- Beauty and Jewelry Gift Certificates
- Various weeks of day and sports camps at SVCA
- Many homemade items and gift basket

Concessions will be available throughout the day. In addition, a children's activities area will be available for \$5 per child and includes moon bounces, games, a joust arena, and a junior obstacle course from KidZone Entertainment and a Lowe's NASCAR simulator car from Mountaineer Enterprises.

All proceeds including the children's activities area from the Auction and Family Fun Day benefit SVCA. For more information about SVCA's Auction and Family Fun Day, visit www.svcapia.net or call 540.869.4600.



Water and Sewer Billing

Water and sewer bills for the bi-monthly billing ending **April 30, 2008** will be due and payable on **June 3, 2008**.

After **June 3, 2008** a **10% penalty** will be added. On **June 10, 2008** service may be discontinued for delinquency. A reconnect fee of **\$25** plus the full amount of the bill must

be paid before service can be restored.

Just a reminder that for your convenience a night drop is available at the Town Office for dropping off check or money order payments and payments can now be made online at the Town's website. Only Water/Sewer, Personal & Real Estate Bills can be paid using a Visa or MasterCard! If you pay a

bill after your bill after the due date, you will still be responsible for the 10% penalty and if the bill is paid after the shut off date, the \$25 reconnect fee will need to be paid as well, prior to reconnection.

Please do not put cash in the drop box!

AN ELECTION YEAR

Elections for Town Council will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2008 with polls open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office located at 1033 Locust Street, Stephens City. In order to cast a ballot, you must be registered with the Office of Voter Registration and Election Administration located at 107 N. Kent Street, Winchester, Virginia. If you have any questions regarding voting requirements, please contact the Voter Registrar's Office at (540)665-5660 or via e-mail at fcvotes@co.frederick.va.us.



This year three members of Council are up for re-election and if elected, each will serve a four year term. Those members are Joy B. Shull, Ronald L. Bowers and Joseph W. Hollis. All are long time residents of Stephens City and are dedicated to serving Stephens City and all of its residents. Please feel free to contact any of the candidates with your questions or concerns and remember that the Mayor and all members of Council always welcome input and suggestions from the citizens of the town.

You, as residents of the Town of Stephens City, are encouraged to come out and vote for those who represent you and your interests in local government.

From the Town Manager's Desk...

Public Hearings

The Town is receiving public comments for the proposed adoption of a Cigarette Tax Ordinance not to exceed \$0.25 per pack by the Town of Stephens City on Wednesday, May 7th, 2008.

The Town will also be receiving public comments on the Proposed 2008-2009 fiscal year budget for the Town of Stephens City. Total of the budget is \$1,429,100 on Tuesday, June 3rd, 2008.

There not any planned increases in tax rates or water and sewer rates within the Town for the next fiscal year aside from the adoption of the proposed cigarette tax that is anticipated to generate \$25,000 in additional revenue.

These public hearings will be held at the Stephens City Town Office located at 1033 Locust Street. The Town Council meeting begins at 7:30pm.

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Town as well as exhibits on the Wagon industry that thrived here and other related items to the early days of Newtown / Stephensburg.

The Newtown Heritage Festival Committee is actively working on making certain that the crowd favorite, Steele Store will be reopened as an example of a vintage merchantile store of the early 1900's.

An archeological excavation at the site of a very early house site or cabin will be reopened. This is possibly the location of Peter Stephens first cabin. The public will be invited to see the on going work. Members of the Archeological Society of Virginia (ASV) will be available for interpretation and to answer questions.

There are also several more living history events being planned throughout the weekend.

There will many other demonstra-

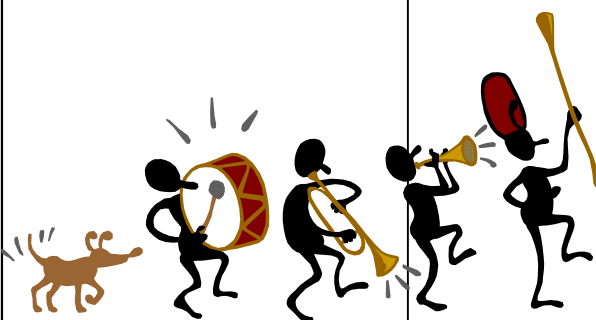
tions and things to do and see such as soap making, antique cars, tractors, and wagon rides and much more.

The fun begins when you step outside and take a stroll down Main Street. Come be part of the fun and invite family and friends as we celebrate the history and heritage of the Town.

A schedule and maps of the festival activities will be available throughout the festival.

**Newtown Heritage Festival
May 22 -25th**

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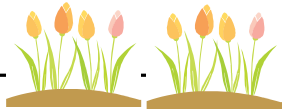


Town Calendar of Events

MAY

- May 2 **Town Office Closed for Apple Blossom**
- May 6 **Town Council Meeting at 7:30pm**
- May 8 Dr. Peter B. Stickley Foundation at 7:30pm
- May 11 Happy Mother's Day
- May 12 Personnel Meeting at 5:00pm
- May 14 250th Meeting at 7:00pm
- May 20 HPC meeting at 7:30p.m.
- May 21 Newtown Heritage Festival at 7:30p.m.
- May 22 Public Works Meeting at 9:00 a.m.
Water/ Sewer Meeting at 9:30 a.m.
- May 24-25 Newtown Heritage Festival**
- May 26 **Town Office Closed for Memorial Day**
- May 27 **Planning Commission at 7:30p.m.**
- May 28 Finance at 5:00p.m.

Bring May Flowers...



JUNE

- June 3 **Town Council Meeting at 7:30p.m**
Water/ Sewer Bills Due without penalty
- June 4 **Penalties added to Water/Sewer Bills**
- June 5 Dr. Peter B. Stickley Meeting at 7:30p.m.
- June 9 Personnel Meeting at 7:30 pm
- June 10 **Water/ Sewer Shut off Date**
- June 11 250th Anniversary Meeting at 7:00pm
- June 15 Happy Father's Day
- June 17 HPC meeting at 7:30p.m.
- June 19 Public Works Meeting at 9:00a.m.
Water/ Sewer Meeting at 9:30a.m.
- June 24 **Planning Commission at 7:30p.m.**
- June 25 Finance at 5:00p.m.
- June 26 Public Safety Meeting at 7:30p.m.

We're on the web!
www.stephenscity.vi.virginia.gov

The 250th Spotlight!

“Stephens City’s Historic Architecture”

David Edwards of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources will give a talk on Wednesday, June 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. on the Historic Architecture of the Town of Stephens City. Architecture plays a vital role in the development and character of a Town and David will be elaborating the importance and role Architecture has played on Stephens City throughout the first 250 years.

David Edwards will bring visual samples of historic architecture that has shaped our Town in the third of a series of talks celebrating the 250th Anniversary.

The talk will be held at Stephens City Town Office at 1033 Locust Street.

